

REMARKS

Status of Claims and Amendment

Claims 13, 14, 16, and 27 have been amended. Claims 1-31 are all the claims pending in this application.

Claim 13 has been amended to further clarify that the highly active LPA is a compound represented by formula (I), (II), or (III). Similarly, claim 27 has been amended to further clarify the compounds represented by formula (I), (II), or (III). Support for the amendments to claims 13 and 27 may be found throughout the specification, for instance, at page 2, line 20 to page 5, line 12.

Claims 14 and 16 have been amended to delete “the method depicted in claim 1”.

No new matter is added.

Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirements

1. Restriction Requirement

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated August 12, 2009. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II (claims 13-16 and 27-31), drawn to a screening kit and compounds, for examination. This election is made without traverse.

2. Election of Species

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated August 12, 2009. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted.

The Examiner believes claims 1-7, 9 and 11-31 are generic.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect active LPA which is described in Example 1 and prepared from 1-linolenoyl(18:3)-LPA, for examination on which claims 13-16 and 27-31 are readable. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-12 and 17-26.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF
SPECIES REQUIREMENTS AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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